

K12 Data Governance Group Meeting Notes

10-12:00 noon
January 21, 2026
Virtual

Purpose of K12 Data Gov Group

OSPI Updates

New resources are available on the OSPI website:

- [Data Displays and Maps](#), [Washington State Report Card](#): and Data Portal. Updated by the Student Information – Data Foundations team led by Rhett Nelson. This includes 2025 Graduation, 2025 SQSS, 2026 Enrollment, 2026 WA Kids.
- New snapshot reports include several new measures, OSPI can provide more if there are questions.
- Release coming soon from Educator team about Student Access and Teacher Quality.
- Districts have a preview window.

Planning has started for upcoming district and school directory review for next school year (2026-27).

Letter to ERDC in response to recommendations was sent in Dec.

Work planned to update standardized transcript, for 2026-27 school year.

Federal reporting: OSPI reports extensive data federally via ED Facts. 2024-25 ED Facts reporting is nearly complete. By next quarterly meeting, OSPI will be reporting 2025-26.

Apportionment Systems Modernization (Presented by Shawn Lewis, OSPI SAFS)

- Moves \$1B/month, current system 'glitchy'. Calculation engine runs overnight, done monthly on final calculations. Manual inputs have been added to the system – for example, K-3 class size, PSES staffing. January is big reporting month with multiple manual updates, takes 6-8 hours to run with dedicated processing time.
- Other functionality outside of current system includes ability to size or estimate proposed fiscal impacts of budget changes, and to calculate fiscal notes (cost estimates associated with proposed legislation). In a test environment, these functionalities can allow OSPI to adequately assess impacts and fiscal projections over four years.
- This is the 3rd attempt at RFP. First – 1 vendor participated; 2nd – 9 vendors participated, elevating that some can do portions of the project. This time – posing that this can be broken into subsystems, as shown. RFP is out now.
- This would export to OneWA for payments.
- Expect full release and acceptance to be complete by end of 2029. Hope to have ASB and plan in place June 2026 with first components in 2027-28 and remaining in place for 28-29.

Development cycle would follow bid process. Have had pre-bid conference, and now answering questions.

- Changes to data elements (what is collected) will come down the road.
- WA tech IT project: WA Tech approves activities before Gate complete.
- Since last March, Shawn has been close to not distribute funding due to this. Each month is a challenge.

Feedback –

- Assuming this is in connection with WSIPC / Qmulative? May require changes as we review & streamline processes, will be in conversation with WSIPC as this proceeds.
- Consider building greater consistency between the financial and student reporting, to improve the data connections between systems for data and reporting.
- For statewide LEAs, monthly reports are cumbersome. Ex. for online programs, need to report lots of FTE.
- In some cases, students who are transitional may not know they are dually enrolled (in more than 1 district). Don't currently collect FTE enrollment at student level.
- Could calculation hub do calcs from CEDARS?
- Isn't student specific data collected within CEDARS? So, why not connect?

Responses –

- WSIPC in K12 Data Gov group, although not present in the meeting today.
- We will hear more about this project in the future.
- CEDARS collection and SAFS enrollment rules collect for different purposes, which have developed over time and to meet different needs. WACs related to enrollment and funding come out of the legislative process.
- Team is considering this carefully to not create unintended consequences and balancing where and how to streamline.
- The contractor that did the feasibility study said the SAFS systems were "at high risk for catastrophic failure".

Data Quality / Data Collection Changes

ERDC Memo and update on last year's items

- ERDC is asked by legislature for these items. Since re-establishing this process in the past few years, it has been valuable to be able to provide responses and plans.
- OFM Forecast and Research has been asked to convene a group to implement SPD15 Revisions, will share draft language.

Feedback –

- In requesting data modernization, is there a priority?
- Priority is on CEDARS, which is crucial for ERDC and aligned to their priority to connect students across years.

- CEDARS system is 'less nimble' than was in the past.
- As part of the ERDC modernization, they (ERDC) recognize the need to bring state agency partners along.

CEDARS 2026-27 Data Collection Changes (presented by team members from OSPI)

Seal of Biliteracy

- Changing valid values aligned to WAC changes.
- Can leave current values remaining, for students already reported with these values. Planning for 6-year phase-over period.

Feedback –

- What are implications on transcripts?

Response –

- This will be part of what is considered in the transcripts standards update.

Postsecondary institution for dual credit

- Planning for Course data only (File D) and can select multiple IHEs, and not at student-level (file H). This would be for College in the HS and CTE Dual Credit.

Feedback –

- This is another unfunded mandate. I know I've said that before.

Response –

- This request from ERDC came out of the Dual Credit workgroup audit of College in HS.

Postsecondary Institutions

- Due to several current and anticipated needs, OSPI is looking at options for a reference classification scheme for higher ed institutions. Based on ERDC guidance, we are planning to anchor on OPE ID, sourced from [IPEDS Data Center](#). This is a list of ~6000 higher ed institutions nationwide, with codes assigned. With this, we can have a consistent resource when referring to higher ed institutions in analyses.

Feedback –

- The list shown is for WA institutions. Does it cover all – including institutions from other states?
- Students do have college credit coming from other institutions (not always in WA). I don't think it impacts the current scope of the collection but may have an impact on any expansions.
- Good point. I think we have some courses that are dual credit through Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon, as an example, but I assume they're accredited and have an OPEID
- In some cases, students come in with credits from outside institutions. Ex. from Mt Hood CC.
- Or a quick turnaround on adding to the appendix based on district requests.

Responses –

- Yes, this would cover institutions from across the country. Would not include IHEs out of country.

- OSPI would also use a subset of these – around 30 – in the CEDARS data element and appendix covered above. These are mostly WA, with one or a few in OR.
- ERDC acknowledges that there are many IHE identifiers for different purposes. ERDC is considering maintaining an IHE code crosswalk for the different identifiers, which we may post on data.wa.gov.
- Thank you all for the additional information. I've made a note that can be considered by the dual credit workgroup about the college credit coming from outside of WA institutions (e.g. Mt. Hood Community College). It is a process to identify and address all the gaps and I appreciate you calling this out.

Wrap up

- Revisit purpose.
- Next meeting is in April. Reach out to Jen with requests or to share info at April meeting or a future meeting.
- Meeting notes from Sept meeting are available. These will be posted to the K12 Data Gov website soon.

In attendance –

	Name	Representing –
x	Jen Appleyard (Data Governance)	OSPI
	Adam Villani (Student Data)	OSPI
X	Curtis Richardson (IT)	OSPI
	Dr. Dan Goldhaber	University of Washington
	Dana Anderson	Washington School Information Processing Cooperative
X	Dr. Jim Smith	Commission on African American Affairs & Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC)
X	Ellen Perconti	Goldendale School District – Superintendent
	Jeffrey Naas	Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee
X	Jen Appleyard (Data Gov)	OSPI
X	Kaori Strunk (Educator Data)	OSPI
X	Lester Brown	Washougal School District – Director of Comm., Technology and Operations
x	Katie Weaver-Randall for Liz Delhbom	Education Research and Data Center
X	Molly Quick	Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB)
X	Myron M. Hammond	Insight School of Washington, Quillayute Valley SD. Executive Director
X	Rhett Nelson (Student Data)	OSPI
X	Tara Richersen	Shelton School District – Director of Data and Assessment
X	Tim Colliver	ESD 101, Director
x	Shawn Kelly (Apportionment)	OSPI
X	T.J Kelly (Finance Data)	OSPI
X	Senja Yakovleff	Everett Public Schools – Supervisor, Student Data Systems
	Julia Cramer	Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)
x	Gail Wootan	Washington State Board of Education